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SUBJ: SCALI- WALDHEIM DISCUSSION OF SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. SYG WALDHEIM OPENED DISCUSSION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH AMB SCALI APRIL 26 BY EXPRESSING SATISFACTION THAT HE HAS HAD COPIES OF BOTH HANOI AND PRG COMPLAINTS RE IMPLEMENTATION PARIS AGREEMENTS AND US REPLY. WALDHEIM SAID UN HAD NOT REACTED TO HANOI AND PRG COMMUNICATIONS. HE HAD IN MIND TELLING THEM UN COULD ONLY TAKE NOTE OF THEIR COMMUNICATIONS BECAUSE PARIS ACCORDS GIVE NO POLITICAL ROLE TO UN.

2. SCALI SAID US TAKES VERY SERIOUSLY QUESTIONS ABOUT ENEMY' S INTENTIONS. SCALI SAID HE EXPECTED THAT FOLLOWING AMB SULLIVAN' S TALKS IN PARIS, MR. KISSINGER WOULD SPEAK FOR PRESIDENT AND MAKE CLEAR THAT HANOI AND PRG BEHAVIOR THREATENS WHOLE FOUNDATION FOR PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IN AREA. US WOULD ALSO SPEAK TO USSR AND PRC. WE ARE OF COURSE CONCERNED ABOUT CAMBODIA AND LAOS DEVELOPMENTS AND WILL REMIND PARTIES THAT THERE ARE RELEVANT AGREEMENTS WHICH NOT BEING UPHELD. NORTH VIETNAMESE MUST UNDERSTAND THEIR BEHAVIOR MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO EVEN CONSIDER GOING TO CONGRESS FOR FUNDS, EVEN FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. THEY SIMPLY MUST REALIZE THAT US MEANT AND MEANS BUSINESS- THAT US PRESIDENT WOULD NOT SIT PARALYZED AND UNWILLING TO
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DO ANYTHING IN FACE FLAGRANT BREACHES OF ACCORDS.

3. WALDHEIM SAID HE WAS DEEPLY WORRIED. AS YET THERE WAS NO CEASEFIRE. HE PROFOUNDLY HOPES SULLIVAN AND KISSINGER TALKS WILL " WORK".

4. RE AID TO SOUTHEAST ASIA, WALDHIEM SAID HANOI DID NOT APPEAR INTERESTED IN LARGE- SCALE MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS. UNICEF IS EXCEPTION TO THIS GENERALIZATION, AND BILATERAL AID FROM US MIGHT ALSO BE EXCEPTION. PRG SEEMED MORE INTERESTED THAY ANYONE ELSE, OBVIOUSLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

5. REFERRING TO PRG LIAISON QUESTION, WALDHIEM REITERATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN SITUATION. THREE OR FOUR WEEKS AGO HE HAD SENT SIMPLE WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO MADAME BINH' S INQUIRY AND FOLLOWED THIS UP WITH AUBRAC' S ORAL " NO". HE HAD HEARD NOTHING SINCE.

6. SCALI RESPONDED THAT SYG ALREADY AWARE OF OUR SERIOUS CONCERN LEST UN DO SOMETHING TO ENHANCE PRG PRESTIGE, THUS MAKING PEACE MORE DIFFICULT. AFTER ASSURING WALDHEIM OF HIS CONFIDENCE IN SYG' S DISCRETION, SCALI TOLD HIM THAT DRVN AND PRG ARE CONTINUING TO SPREAD STORY THAT PRG LETTER ASKING OBSERVER STATUS HAD BEEN SOLICITED BY SYG. WALDHIEM OBVIOUSLY DEEPLY DISTRESSED THANKED SCALI FOR THIS INFORMATION. AND DECLARED VEHEMENTLY " THIS IS ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE". THERE HAD BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO CONTACT WHATSOEVER IN THIS REGARD. " WHAT IS TRUE", SAID WALDHIEM, " IS THAT I RAISED THE QUESTION OF CONTACTS REGARDING AID." IN FURTHER REMARKS, WALDHEIM MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT HE NOW INCLINED TO DISTRUST DRVN AND PRG STRONGLY. HE ALSO INDICATED AWARENESS THAT AUBRAC IS PRO- HANOI AND SAID HE USES AUBRAC SOLELY AS MAILBOX.
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